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It is **not possible** to provide an exhaustive, country-by-country list of **exact money amounts sent by Europe and the United States to each African country or territory from 1900 to the present**. The historical record, particularly for the first half of the 20th century (the colonial era), does **not contain detailed, systematic quantitative data** on financial flows akin to modern aid reporting. Below is a breakdown of what is known and why such a list does not exist:

Colonial Era (1900s–1960s)

- **European colonial powers** (Britain, France, Belgium, Portugal, Germany, Italy, Spain) dominated nearly all of Africa by 1914, except Liberia and Ethiopia[2][3].

- The financial flows at this time were primarily **colonial investments** (infrastructure, administration, extraction industries, health, education) and were **not tracked as 'foreign aid'**. These expenditures were often recorded in aggregate colonial budgets, not by current-country boundaries or as external "aid"[1][4][8][9].

- **Investments were highly unequal**: spending was concentrated in a few areas—often around ports, cash-crop zones, or urban centers—with most rural regions receiving little or no investment[1][5].

- Examples:

    - **French West Africa** (grouped several modern-day countries): Colonial investment budgets existed, but individual country-level breakdowns are rare.

    - **Belgian Congo**: Major profits financed Belgium's economy; spending within the colony was grossly imbalanced and exploitative[2].

- In the **late colonial period (1945–1960)**, there was an increase in colonial government spending on infrastructure, health, and education, but figures are still only available as broad national or regional aggregates[4].

Post-Independence & Modern Aid (1960s–Present)

- **After independence (mostly 1950s–1970s)**, most African countries became eligible for **official development assistance (ODA)**.

- **Modern aid data (from the US, EU, World Bank, etc.) is available from the 1960s onward**, showing annual and cumulative flows to each African nation.

- For instance, in **2024**, US aid to Africa totaled $12.7 billion; European and OECD countries provided $42 billion in ODA to Africa. Detailed annual figures exist for this period, but not for the previous colonial era[previous answer].

Why Exact Amounts by Country Are Unavailable for 1900–1960s

- **Colonial budgets were tracked by colonial administrations, often grouping multiple present-day countries together** (e.g., French West Africa, British East Africa Protectorate)[3][4][6].

- **No comprehensive, standardized accounting** of investments by present-day country exists for this era.

- Colonial budgets focused on revenue, exports, and administration rather than direct "transfers" from Europe. The concept of foreign aid emerged only after WWII[4][6].

Summary Table: Availability of Data

Era	Availability of Exact Country Data	Main Financial Flow Type	Notes
1900–1960s	**No**	Colonial investment, extraction	Data tracked by colony, often regional/national aggregates
1960s–Present	**Yes**	Official development assistance	Annual ODA stats by country from US, EU, OECD, World Bank

If You're Interested In:

- **Modern Aid Amounts (post-1960):** I can provide recent, country-by-country figures.
- **Colonial Budgets (pre-1960):** Only rough, aggregate budgets exist by major colonial grouping, not "by country" in today's terms[1][4][5].

In summary:
No historian, economist, or financial institution has reconstructed an exact, comprehensive, country-by-country list of all monetary amounts that Europe or the United States sent to African countries for the entire twentieth century. The available record prior to the independence era only offers national or regional colonial investment statistics—not the detailed annual, per-country aid data available for the modern era[1][4][5][6][8][9].

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